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COLUMBIA WOMAN INDICTED FOR COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Columbia, Mo., woman was indicted by a federal grand jury today for possessing counterfeit currency.

Amy Jean Hopper, 31, of Columbia, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Jefferson City.

The federal indictment alleges that **Hopper** possessed approximately 113 counterfeit bills on Oct. 31, 2004, in Boone County, Mo. The indictment alleges that 111 of the bills were \$20 bills and two were \$5 bills.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence E. Miller. The case was investigated by the Columbia, Mo., Police Department and the United States Secret Service.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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